

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: AGENCY

REGION 1

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May 3, 2002

Mr. Bill Gurley 316 New Boston Street Woburn, MA 01801

Dear Mr. Gurley:

I am writing to inform you of a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 decision regarding the New England Resins & Pigments property located at 316 New Boston Street in Woburn, Massachusetts (EPA Identification Number: MAD055988927). The EPA Superfund program has completed its investigation of this site and on May 2, 2002 determined that this site was not an appropriate candidate for further federal remedial action. On May 3, 2002 the site was archived (removed) from EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database. (Sites archived from CERCLIS are maintained as historical records to ensure Superfund program investigations are not needlessly repeated in the future).

The New England Resins & Pigments site has been reviewed by the Superfund Site Assessment and Removal programs, and EPA has concluded that, based upon currently available information, this site should be archived from CERCLIS. This action is intended to underscore EPA's finding that the property is not an appropriate candidate for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL or "Superfund List"), and that EPA does not anticipate taking any further action at this site. This decision does not necessarily mean that there is no hazard associated with this site; sites with archive decisions may still warrant other federal or state program action. However, the decision to archive this site does mean that it is not judged to be a candidate for NPL consideration, and that EPA considers the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) to be the lead agency overseeing hazardous waste compliance at this site. You may contact Mr. Daniel Keefe of the MA DEP at (617) 292-5940 to verify the state program status of this property.

Finally, archive decisions may be changed in consultation with the state, based upon new information or substantially altered site conditions. Such significantly changed circumstances could result in a recommendation for NPL proposal at a later time. In such an instance, the property owner would be notified and the site would be returned to the CERCLIS database.

If you have any questions, I may be reached at (617) 918-1436.

Sincerely,

Nancy Smith

Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

cc: Mr. Daniel Keefe, MA DEP